



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

May 10, 2016

ALTSA: NH #2016-011
CR 102 FILED TO AMEND CHAPTER 388-97 WAC

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

In July 2015, the department began the rulemaking process to amend sections of Chapter 388-97 to conform to newly passed legislation regarding:

- Changes to definitions in the "Abuse of Vulnerable Adults" law; and
- Changes to the nursing home staffing requirements.

Recently the department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the ALTSA website under the heading "NH Rule Filings" at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-nursing-home-professionals>.

You may submit comments in person at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the Department's Rules and Policies Unit (RPAU)

The formal hearing for proposed rules is scheduled:

Date: June 21, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters)

1115 Washington

Olympia, WA 98504

You must submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date, to the following address or by email to Christine Butler at DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov

DSHS Rules Coordinator/RPAU

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Directions to Office Building 2 can be found: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>. Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson streets.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Amy Abbott, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager at (360) 725-2581 or at amy.abbott@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

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